MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1932.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, September 7th, 1932.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor. John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

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Brigadier General Milton A. Reckord appeared before the Board in connection with the repairing of the damage caused by fire at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore. General Reckord stated that the work of cleaning up was underway, and that he expected to arrive at a satisfactory settlement with the insurance companies covering the loss.

General Reckord stated that it would be very advisable in repairing the damage done by fire to go a step further and make some additions and improvements to the Armory, and that he would like to receive authority from the Board to carry out his plans with the understanding that the difference in cost between the insurance and the contractor doing the work would be provided in the next bond issue. General Reckord was requested to get together some figures on the work which he proposed to do, and present them to the Board for its consideration, but was not given any authority to proceed to have the work done.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a bill from Mrs. Marvin D. Umbarger, Bel Air, Maryland, in the amount of \$35.00, for board for Mabel Roberts, placed with her by the Montrose School for Girls. The board covered the months of May and June, and being at the rate of \$5.00 a week for seven weeks.

After considerable discussion of this question, the Board was of the opinion that Montrose Schools for Girls should not place the girls in private homes under the arrangements outlined. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Montrose School for

Girls, and advise them of the action of the Board, and to say that the expenses incurred for maintaining any girls in private homes up to the time of the meeting of the Board would be recognized and paid, and that it would be agreeable to continue these particular girls under the arrangements already made for them, but that no other girls were to be boarded out in this manner.

The Comptroller took up with the Board the question of vouchers received from the Board of Medical Examiners in the amount of \$1,000.00, covering a contribution of \$400.00 to the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty for rent, and \$600.00 for the purchase of books for the library. The Board considered the Section of the Law mentioned by Doctor Henry M. Fitzhugh, Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners, as follows;

"Ibid. sec. 104. 1896, ch. 194, sec. 64.

133. The said board of medical examiners shall have full control over the expenditures and disposition of the funds collected from the fees and charges authorized to be made under the terms of this sub-title and shall fix and allow such compensation as they may deem proper for service rendered in the performance of the duties required by this sub-title by members of said board or others, with the full power also to allow and discharge all proper expenses of said board, and any surplus, to dispose of as said board may deem for the advantage of the practice of medicine in this State."

It was felt that the Section noted was in conflict with the spirit and purpose of the Reorganization Act, but that in view of the fact that the Board of Medical Examiners had followed the practice established sometime ago of contributing funds to the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty under the provisions of the Section mentioned above, the State would honor the vouchers which were being held up at this time. The Board was of the opinion, however, that the practice should not be continued.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph Olmcluseen
Secretary.